

Dear FCC,

I am writing to protest Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. This decision is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest--not a biased, political agenda of its owners. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Specifically, I call on the FCC to rebuke and even block Sinclair for their one-sided, politically motivated actions in these two areas:

1) the decision to show a biased, untrue documentary disparaging John Kerry right before the election

2) rebuke the editorial segments placed within their affiliates local news broadcasts called "The Point." Certainly, Mark Hyman has the right to voice his views, BUT this clearly editorial and clearly BIAS commentary is not balanced in any way by editorial comments on the other side of the political spectrum. I have been deeply disturbed by the nature of these commentaries and the lack of any counterpoint available.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

They show also why action is needed now to hold Sinclair accountable for their unlawful use of the public airwaves.

Thank you.

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